

are Rs. 1957.71 crore for 53 scheduled UCBs for 2004-05 and Rs. 1976.65 crore for 54 UCBs for 2005-06.

(b) It may be seen that as per the revised figures there has been only a marginal increase of accumulated losses of the Scheduled UCBs in the year 2005-06. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is regularly monitoring the financial position of all the UCBs through periodical statutory inspections, as also through off site surveillance. Periodical meetings are also held by RBI with the officials of weak UCBs. In States, which have entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RBI, Task Force on Urban Co-operative Banks (TAFUCB) consisting of representatives of RBI, State Government and Urban Bank Federations, is regularly reviewing the position of these weak banks.

Additional posts for Income Tax Department

1377. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would create an additional 7051 posts in various cadres of the Income Tax Department;

(b) if so, the reasons for this increase;

(c) what is the present strength of the Income Tax Department in various cadres;

(d) in what manner Government will increase the integrity and moral tone of all personnel of this department; and

(e) the steps proposed to enhance 'Integrity Quotient' of this department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have already created 7051 posts with effect from 20/11/2006.

(b) As per enclosed Statement-I (See below)

(c) As per enclosed Statement-II (See below)

(d) and (e) As per enclosed Statement-III.

Statement-I

The reasons for creation of an additional 7051 posts in the Income Tax Department.

1. After restructuring in 2001, the Income Tax Department's strength was fixed at 60,250 after reducing in size by 2752 in its manpower.
2. Consequent upon implementation of DOP&T's instructions regarding optimization of direct recruitment of civilian posts, five thousand eight hundred thirty eight (5838) posts have been surrendered during the last five years. The revised sanctioned strength of manpower as on 01.4.2006 is 54412.
3. On the other hand, the work load of the Department has been increasing exponentially since 01.4.2001 due to (a) new legislations like, Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT), Banking Cash Transaction Tax Act (BCTT), Security Transaction Tax Act (STTA), Annual Information Returns (AIR), Mandatory e-filing of TDS returns, Transfer pricing, Right to Information Act, etc., (b) growth in the number of tax payers, (c) huge intelligence data collection for verification, and (d) addition of new areas and complexities in tax matters due to rapidly increasing economic activities on account of opening up of the economy and its integration with Global Economy.
4. The total number of 7051 additional posts have been created with sanction from the Cabinet after comprehensively analyzing the manpower requirements of the Department by a committee comprising Secretaries of the Department of Revenue, Expenditure and Personnel & Training, keeping in view the quantum and nature of duties assigned.

Statement-II***Sanctioned Strength of the Income Tax Department***

S.No.	Post/cadre	Strength after creation of additional posts
1.	Chief Commissioner of Income Tax/Director General of Income Tax	116
2.	Commissioner of Income Tax	731
3.	Addl. Commissioner of Income Tax	606

S.No.	Post/cadre	Strength after creation of additional posts
4.	Joint commissioner of Income Tax	647
5.	Deputy Commissioner Income Tax	1358
6.	Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax	734
7.	Chief Engineer	09
8.	Suptd. Engineer	16
9.	Executive Engineer	76
10.	Computer Manager	05
11.	System Analyst	25
12.	Programmers	72
13.	Deputy Director (OL)	05
14.	Senior Administrative Officer	05
15.	Principal Private Secretary	01
16.	Chief Statistical Advisor	01
17.	Deputy Chief Statistical Advisor	01
18.	Asstt. Chief Statistical Advisor	01
19.	Chief Statistical Advisor (Jr. Scale)	01
20.	Sampling Officer	01
21.	Assistant Director (DOMS)	06
22.	Other Gr-A (different scales)	13
23.	Administrative Officer Gr-II	35
24.	Income Tax Officer	4448
25.	Sen. Private Secretary	117
26.	Private Secretary	706
27.	Data Processing Assistant Gr. B	55
28.	Administrative Officer Gr-III	774
29.	Additional Asstt. Director	10
30.	Section Officer	01
31.	Asstt. Director (OL)	70
32.	Asstt. Addl. Director	01
33.	Income Tax Inspector	9793
34.	Office Suptd.	2530
35.	Sr. Tax Assistant	8581
36.	Tax Assistant	11282
37.	Data Processing Asstt. Gr-A	160
38.	Sr. Hindi Translator	52
39.	Jr. Hindi Translator	75
40.	Steno Gr-I	1022

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41.	Steno Gr-II	2037
42.	Steno Gr-III	2445
43.	Lower Division Clerk	355
44.	PT Instructor	01
45.	Staff Car Driver (SG)	38
46.	Staff C Driver (Gr-I)	265
47.	Staff C Driver (Gr-II)	227
48.	Staff C Driver (OG)	210
49.	Notice Server	2992
50.	Sr. Gestnor Operator	14
51.	Superintendent	09
52.	Sr. Technical Asstt.	13
53.	Technical Asstt.	12
54.	Research Asstt.	06
55.	Supted. (Jr)	01
56.	Assistant	57
57.	Upper Division Clerk	85
58.	Sr Librarian	01
59.	Other Gr-C (different scales)	150
60.	Peon	3091
61.	Other Gr-D Posts	5312
Total		61,463

Statement-III

Steps for enhancing 'Integrity Quotient' and 'moral tone' of the personnel of the Income Tax Department.

1. Income Tax Department has been computerized and all steps are being taken to utilize Information Technology for making the system more transparent and to reduce the processing and procedural delays.
2. 12 posts of Income Tax Ombudsmen have been created with the objective of enabling the resolution of complaints relating to public grievances against the Income Tax Department and to facilitate the satisfactory settlement of such complaints.
3. Due to introduction of the Right to Information Act 2005, there is a greater check on the integrity and moral tone of the Government employees, as a whole, including the Income Tax Department.

4. Due to restructuring of the Department and creation of additional posts, the promotional avenues of the personnel, have been increased substantially which would boost their moral and consequently enhance the integrity factor among them.

Refixing of borrowing ceiling of Kerala

1378. SHRI A. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual Plan of Kerala had been fixed for the period 2006-07;

(b) if so, whether the State Government of Kerala has represented during March, 2006 for refixing the borrowing ceiling so as to approach various agencies for financing the above plan;

(c) if so, the details of decision taken in this regard;

(d) whether there is any delay in taking the decision; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir:

(b) to (e) State Government represented to Government of India for enhancement of the net borrowing ceiling of Rs. 4672 crore for the year 2006-07 fixed by GoI in line with the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission and in line with the fiscal correction path drawn up by the State Government. The request of the State Government was considered and the borrowing ceiling was revised to Rs. 6834 crore after the State Government had agreed to bear the cost of foregoing debt waiver benefit eligible under the Debt Relief and Consolidation Facility. There was no delay in taking the decision at the Government of India level.

Reforms in IMF

1379. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first phase of reforms in the IMF have begun recently;